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FROM USDEL OASGA

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SUBJ: OASGA DELIBERATIONS JUNE 20

REF: GRENADA 0072, USOAS DEL 45

1. COMMITTEE I CONTINUED TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON AND
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UNTIL 10:00 PM AT NIGHT. (REFTEL REPORTS MORNING SESSION
IN COMMITTEE I). IAHRC VICE CHAIRMAN AMBASSADOR DUNSHEE
DE ABRANCHES (BRAZIL) PRESENTED COMMISSION'S REPORT N
HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE TO WHICH CHILEAN REP DIEZ RESPONDED
AT GREAT LENGTH.

2. DIEZ' RESPONSE WAS SURPRISINGLY MODERATE, HOWEVER,

FOR ALTHOUGH HE DENIED MOST CHARGES AGAINST CHILE IN DETAIL, AND SAID REPORT ON CHILE WAS BEING USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, HE PROMISED GOC WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION BY REPLYING TO ITS INQUIRIES. NOTABLY MISSING WAS STUBBORN INTRANSIGENCE SHOWN HERE BY URUGUAY. DIEZ EVEN SAID THE COMMISSION NEEDED MORE RESOURCES BUT IT WAS CLEAR HE MEANT CHILE WOULD LIKE TO EXERCISE SOME INFLUENCE OVER COMMISSION WORK. DUNSHEE DE ABRANCHES DEFENDED COMMISSION AGAINST CHARGE THAT IT EXAGGERATED NUMBER OF DISAPPEARANCES. HE SAID LISTS OF DISAPPEARED INCLUDED ONLY THOSE WHO PRESENTED PROOF THAT THE PERSON DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING ARRESTED. NEXT SPEAKER WAS VENEZUELA'S AMBASSADOR MACHIN WHO UNLEASHED SLASHING ATTACK ON BOTH CHILE AND URUGUAY FOR CONTINUING TO VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR DEFYING OAS. HE PARTICULARLY ACCUSED CHILE OF DEFIANCE FOR EXPELLING TWO LAWYERS WHO COMMUNICATED WITH FONMINS AT SANTIAGO GA AND DENOUNCED URUGUAY FOR GRAVE VIOLATIONS AND FOR DENYING IAHRC PERMISSION TO VISIT. MACHINE PULLED OUT MOST OF THE STOPS, CONCENTRATING ON PROBLEM OF MISSING PERSONS AND RIDICULING CHILEAN EXCUSE THAT IT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE PEOPLE. DIEZ (CHILE) AND ALVAREZ (URUGUAY) ANSWERED IN KIND.

3. COMMITTEE I ALMOST CONCLUDED DELIBERATIONS AT 10 PM VOTING ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM, SANS REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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US SUPPORTED BUT ARGENTINA/BRAZIL ABSTAINED ON CONSIDERANDO PARAGRAPH FOR OBSCURE REASONS.

4. DUNSHEE THEN PRESENTED IAHRC REPORT ON CUBA, WITHOUT DEBATE. WORKING GROUP ON REMAINING HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS MEETS AT 9 AM TOMORROW, JUNE 21.

5. COMMITTEE II WRAPPED UP ITS WORK JUNE 20 WITH TWO FINAL RESOLUTIONS. ONE WAS AN URUGUAYAN INITIATIVE ON THE OAS CAPITAL MARKETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE SUPERSEDED BY A NEW CAPITAL MARKETS INSTITUTE IN VENEZUELA. FOR REASONS OF FORM, VENEZUELA AND PANAMA ABSTAINED, BUT WE WILL SUPPORT IT WITH VENEZUELA'S BLESSING. SECOND RESOLUTION CALLS FOR AN IA-ECOSOC STUDY OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION'S (SCCN) WORK IN THE FINANCIAL FIELD. OUR EFFORT TO EXPAND THE STUDY TO REVIEW ALL SCCN ACTIVITIES WAS OVERRIDDEN. ALTHOUGH WE ABSTAINED IN COMMITTEE II, WE PLAN TO VOTE FAVORABLY IN PLENARY SINCE THE RESOLUTION MERELY CALLS FOR A STUDY.

6. COMMISSION III (EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE)

FINISHED ITS DELIBERATIONS WITH APPROVAL OF THE
RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT. THE US NOTED THAT IT RESERVED THE
RIGHT TO SPEAK AT THE PLENARY ON A RESOLUTION CALLING
FOR A SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE ON MUSICOLOGY, WHICH THE
COMMISSION HAD APPROVED.

THE COMMISSION ALSO APPROVED A RESOLUTION WHICH
CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND
FOUNDATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH THE OAS TO THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA. THE US VOTED FOR
THE RESOLUTION BUT OBSERVED THAT THE USG WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO MAKE SUCH A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION.

7. COMMITTEE FOUR COMPLETED WORK ADOPTING RESOLUTION
EXTENDING PRESENT PROGRAM BUDGET THRU DEC 31, 1977
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WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING FUNDS FOR OAS OFFICE
IN SURINAM, ACTUARIAL STUDY OF PENSION/RETIREMENT PLAN
AND PENSION FOR WIDOW OF DR. SANDERS.

8. AFTER LONG DEBATE, COMMITTEE PASSED RESOLUTION TO
PROVIDE FOR CONTINUATION OF STUDY OF BASES OF FINANCING
THE OAS. US INTENTION TO REDUCE ITS QUOTE PERCENTAGE
WAS DEFENDED BY CHILE AS STEP IN DIRECTION OF REDUCING
US POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN OAS. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, WHILE
HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US POSITION, ACCEPTED FACT THAT THIS
WAS A MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF FINANCING PROBLEM, BUT
INDICATED THEIR DISATISFACTION WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO
BE INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTA PERCENTAGES.

9. REGARDING REVISION OF STAFF RETIREMENT AND PENSION PLAN,
COMMITTEE ACCEPTED CONCLUSIONS OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMANENT
COUNCIL TO PUT NEW PLAN INTO FORCE IN 1978 UNTIL SUCH
IMPROVEMENTS AS MAY BE MADE THAT ARE IN ACCORD WITH FUND'S
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